

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

Dannel P. Malloy, Governor  
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**Bill Davenport instructing students recently in a sausage-making lab as part of an Agricultural Production class at the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School.**

## **LONGTIME AGRICULTURAL TEACHER, ADVOCATE BILL DAVENPORT APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Bill Davenport, Director of the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury, was recently appointed to the State Board of Education by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.*

*The board is responsible for establishing academic standards and setting policy for Connecticut's 149 local and 17 regional school districts, including preschool, elementary and secondary education, special education, vocational education and adult education.*

*It also serves as the board of education for the 17 regional technical high schools.*

*Davenport, who has taught at Nonnewaug since 1986, was Connecticut's Teacher of the Year in 2004. He is also a member of the Litchfield County and Connecticut Farm Bureau, and serves on the National FFA Organization's Board of Directors.*

*Davenport was born and raised on Toll Gate Dairy Farm in Litchfield, and still remains involved with his brother Jim's dairy farm in Ancram, NY, where he owns 25 registered Holsteins and Ayrshires in the herd. Davenport received a bachelor's degree and master's degree in animal science from the*

*University of Connecticut, and a sixth-year diploma in administration and supervision from Southern Connecticut State University.*

*"Bill has for many years been an energetic advocate for agriscience programs that have produced many generations of new farmers with strong academic and hands-on skills," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "I both congratulate Bill and applaud Governor Malloy on this appointment that I am confident will greatly benefit agricultural education across Connecticut."*

*The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report asked Davenport to give our readers his thoughts on the current state of agricultural education in the state, and on his appointment to the board.*

### **By Bill Davenport**

*Most people probably do not realize that the agricultural industry is the nation's largest, with 20-percent of the population employed in agriculture and its hundreds of related occupations. And with the world's population projected to reach 9 billion by the year 2050, someone in this industry needs to figure*

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**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	71.00	76.50
boners 80-85% lean	71.00	75.50
lean 88-90% lean	68.00	74.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	120.00	132.50
Choice 2-3	117.00	127.00
Sel 1-3	112.50	121.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	111.50	114.00
Ch 2-3	106.00	115.50
Sel 2-3	102.50	108.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	120.00	120.50
Ch 2-3	116.00	119.00
Sel 1-3	110.00	113.00
<b>CALVES Graded bull</b>		
No 1 110-128 lbs	190.00	217.00
No 1 90-108 lbs	234.00	250.00
No 2 80-104 lbs	231.00	250.00
No 3 100-130 lbs	185.00	195.00
Utility 90-110 lbs	140.00	160.00
<b>FRESH COWS</b>		
Supreme	2100.00	2500.00
Approved	1750.00	2150.00
Medium	1325.00	1750.00
Common	850.00	1250.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
70-80 lbs	260.00	280.00
80-90 lbs	240.00	260.00
90-110 lbs	216.00	230.00
110-130 lbs	187.00	205.00
130-150 lbs	170.00	202.00
150-200 lbs	162.00	185.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
80-120 lbs	112.00	142.00
120-160 lbs	105.00	137.00
160-200 lbs	85.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	77.00	102.00
<b>BUCKS</b>		
120-160 lbs	120.00	132.00
160-300 lbs	84.00	110.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.</b>		
40-50 lbs	210.00	235.00
80-100 lbs	260.00	280.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1, by head, est.</b>		
80-130 lbs	222.00	240.00
130-180 lbs	242.00	285.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1</b>		
100-150 lbs	270.00	335.00
150-250 lbs	385.00	400.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA., HOG AUCTION**

All prices per cwt.

52-56	250-300 lbs	44.00	53.00
	300-350 lbs	46.00	52.00
	350-400 lbs	44.00	48.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	38.00	45.00
Sows 1-3	300-500 lbs	29.77	31.50
	500-700 lbs	27.50	34.00

**GREYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL, GA**

Red fowl	4-5 lbs, per lb	.50	.80
Red fowl	5-6 lbs, per lb	.65	.90
Pullets	4-6 lbs, per lb	2.00	2.00
Turkeys	each	20.00	39.00
Goose eggs	each	4.00	8.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**  
Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LBS	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLES, CORTLAND, #1, 100	19.00	19.00
APPLES, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 80, 88	68.00	68.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, 120/140, #1, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, MACS, FNCY, 80, 88	18.00	18.00
APPLES, MACS, FNCY, 120, 140	18.00	18.00
APPLES, MAC, #1, CELLPK, 120	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MACS, FCY, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	15.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, RED, ORGANIC, 25 LBS	12.00	12.00
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, 25 LBS	38.00	38.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 20 LBS	19.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 18-1 LB	18.00	23.00
POTATO, FINGERLING, 20 LB	20.00	20.00
POTATO, RSST, #1, 70-90	14.00	14.00
POTATO, RSST, #1, 50 LBS	14.00	14.00
POTATO YLLW, #1, SZ A, 50 LB	12.00	14.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
PUMPKINS, PIE, 1-1/9	11.00	15.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 36" BIN	190.00	230.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CTN, 24	15.00	17.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9	10.00	12.00
TOMS, GHSE, CHERRY, 8-10 OZ	14.00	17.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, MD, 5LB	22.00	26.00
TOMATO, GHSE, LOOSE, 25LB	16.00	20.00
TOMATO, HEIRLM, GHSE, 10LBS	24.00	28.00
TURNIP, PRPLTP, ORG, 25LBS	11.00	12.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APPLE, JONAGOLD, ORGANC, 72	54.00	54.00
APPLE, MAC XFCY, NY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, EMPIRE, XFCY, NY, 80	25.00	26.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFY, NY, 80	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LBS	9.00	10.00
CUKE, GHSE, CAN, PERSIA, 20LBS	32.00	34.00
ESCHALLOTS, NY, 10 LBS	8.00	8.00
GARLIC, COLOSSI, CA, 10 LBS	42.00	42.00
GINGER ROOT, 10 LBS	18.00	20.00
HORSERADISH, NJ, 5LBS	14.00	14.00
KALE, GA, CRATES, 12 BNCH	12.00	13.00
LETT, ROMAINE, ORGNC, 3 CT	32.00	32.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MUSHROOM, ENOKI, PA, 12-3.5OZ	18.00	19.00
MUSHROOM, OYSTER, PA, 3 LBS	13.00	13.25
MUSHRM, SHITAKE, PA, LG, 3LB	14.00	15.00
ONIONS, BOILERS, SM, 25 LBS	7.00	7.00
ONIONS, YELLOW, NY, 50 LBS	12.00	13.00
ONIONS, YELLOW, NY, 20-2LB	12.00	13.00
ONIONS, RED PEARL	15.00	17.00
ONIONS, WHITE, ID, 25 LBS	14.00	16.00
PEARS, D'ANJOU, US#1, WA, 80	62.00	62.00
SWISSCHARD, GREEN, CA, 12	16.00	18.00
TOMS, GRAPE, GHSE, FL, 20 LBS	45.00	51.00
TOMS, PLUM, FL, 25 LBS	26.00	28.00
TURNIP TOPS, GA, 12	13.00	15.00
WNTRCRSS, GHSE, ORG, PA, 2.2LB	26.00	26.00

**NORTHEAST CUT FLOWERS**

ANEMONE, NY 10/BNCH	10.00	12.50
CALLA, NE, 5/BU	20.00	20.00
GERBERA, NE, MINI, PER STEM	.65	.75
HYDRANGEA, NJ, PER BUNCH	12.50	12.50
LILIES, ME, 10/BNCH	24.00	24.00
TULIPS, NJ, 10/BNCH	12.00	12.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**  
Middlefield, CT, January 18, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	50.00
61-75 lbs.	85.00	90.00
76-90 lbs.	140.00	142.50
91-105 lbs.	145.00	147.50
106 lbs. & up	150.00	152.50
Farm Calves	155.00	157.50
Starter Calves	52.00	55.00
Veal Calves	70.00	165.00
Open Heifers	82.50	140.00
Beef Heifers	115.00	121.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	100.00
Beef Steers	122.00	127.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	87.00	97.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	.01	.02
Sows	.05	18.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	30.00	70.00
Sheep	125.00	150.00
Lambs	105.00	220.00
Goats each	90.00	160.00
Kid Goats	145.00	170.00
Canners	up to	78.75
Cutters	79.00	82.00
Utility Grade Cows	83.50	85.00
Rabbits each	15.00	27.50
Chickens each	5.00	25.00
Ducks each	8.00	24.00

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white  
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.03	1.19
LARGE	.97	1.11
MEDIUM	.79	.92

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**Per doz. Grade A brown in  
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.71	1.85
LARGE	1.63	1.77
MEDIUM	1.12	1.26
SMALL	.93	1.03

**USDA NORTHEAST  
RETAIL EGG PRICES**

All prices per dozen or as noted.

<b>ORGANIC</b>		
WHITE, LGE	2.99	3.99
BROWN, LGE	2.99	3.99
<b>CAGE-FREE</b>		
BROWN, XLG	2.99	2.99
BROWN, LGE	2.99	5.00
<b>OMEGA-3</b>		
WHITE, XLG	2.99	2.99
WHITE, LGE	1.99	3.00
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>		
BROWN, LGE	3.59	3.59



**FOR SALE**

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

9-R. CT Boot and Shoe offers top quality American Made work boots and shoes. Redwing, Thorogood, and Carolina brands. Free shipping in Connecticut. CT Boot, 33 River Street, Thomaston. Mention this ad to save \$20.00. 860-283-2385.

11-R. 72 x 30 x 12 (high) foot hi-tunnel for sale. Lots of extra parts. 203-387-3055.

12-R. Six hoop houses – 28 x 96. Garage doors also available. Call 203-484-9708.

13-R. Modine Effinity93 propane heater Model PTC-215 for greenhouse. 215,000 BTU, with support kit. In box, never used. \$2,600.00. 203-457-1304.

**WANTED**

7-R. Maple Lane Farms is a hydroponic grower of produce for the retail and food service markets. Due to increased demand from our customers, we are seeking greenhouse owners to grow our products on a contract basis. If interested, call 860-227-8786.

10-R. Orange Community Farmers' Market: Vendors Wanted – Bee Products; Cheese Monger; Fruits; Fish & Shellfish; plus, Artisanal Food Products. Market begins June 2016. If interested, please call Paul Grimmer – 203-891-1045.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

8-R. FREE Off grade potatoes for animal feed in East Windsor, Conn. Call Karl 860-268-5931 or Glenn 860-930-4331 to arrange pickup

**FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 7**

Grant guidelines and applications for the Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Transition Grant program are available online and must be submitted by April 7.

The program provides grants to up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 1 to 1 match. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives.

Funded projects have included farm buildings, commercial kitchens and other value-added processing infrastructure, netting, wildlife barriers, energy efficiencies and a host of other improvements and innovations. Grant guidelines and forms can be found at [www.CTGrown.gov/grants](http://www.CTGrown.gov/grants).

A workshop on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be held February 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hartford Regional Market, 101 Reserve Road, Hartford. Please send RSVP to [Jaime.Smith@ct.gov](mailto:Jaime.Smith@ct.gov), or call 860-713-2559.

The grant program also will be discussed on January 30 at the Litchfield Farmer's Forum to be held at Wamogo Regional High School, 98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield, CT 06759. Attendees must RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/litchfield-hills-farmers-forum-registration-19911505850?aff=ebrowse>.

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out how to produce more food using less land, water and other resources.

Another testament to this growing demand for food is the increasingly popular interest in local food production and sustainability, both in Connecticut and across the country.

These are two major reasons why the need for bright, motivated young people with an interest in producing food has never been greater than now and in the near future to solve this global problem.

Nonnewaug's agriscience program, as well as the 18 other regional agriscience programs in the state, have produced thousands of successful graduates who have gone on to careers such as:

- Food scientist in Michigan
- USDA meat inspector in Minnesota
- Veterinarian in Massachusetts
- Microbiologist for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture
- Plant pathologist for a tree expert in Stamford
- Golf course superintendent in Southbury
- Horse trainer in New Jersey
- National Forest Ranger in Virginia
- Poultry Disease Specialist in Georgia

And the list goes on, year after year. All of these are indeed 21st century careers and Connecticut's agriscience programs help prepare students to enter into many of the 300-plus career titles in the agricultural industry.

They are also evidence of the need for the state to support the success of these schools by fully funding and expanding them. And that is why I am so excited that Governor Malloy appointed me to the State Board of Education.

This position will give me the opportunity to share my 30 years of experience in the classroom, and to use my voice to promote the state's agriscience programs.

Created more than 90 years ago, they were the state's original magnet schools - long before people even knew what a magnet or charter school was.

The goal of all schools should be to prepare every student to be career-ready upon high school graduation, whether or not that includes pursuing further education in college.

The agriscience schools offer a time-tested and career-focused education through hands-on experience and real life skills that have prepared thousands of graduates for successful, necessary jobs right here in Connecticut.

The national average of high school students who went to college and finished a degree within 6 years of college is only 52 percent.

Of Connecticut agriscience program graduates who went to college, 96% finished college with a degree in five years and are now employed.

It is clear that the agriscience program model of career-based, applied hands-on learning, work experience internships and the FFA leadership development component works and has worked since it was developed back in 1920.

It is time to recognize that promoting and expanding these school models will not only satisfy the growing demand for skilled workers in these fields, but will help strengthen our economy.

## CONNECTICUT CAREER TRAINING JOB OPPORTUNITY AT DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

The Dept. of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Connecticut Career Training (CCT) program with the targeted position of Agricultural Marketing and Inspection Representative 1 (AMIR 1) for the Agricultural Development Unit.

The CCT program will provide one year of on-the-job training that, if successfully completed, will lead to the full-time position. This is open to the public and applicants do not need to have previously taken the AMIR exam.

**Closing date for applications is January 29, 2016.**

**Job Posting No: 82498**

**Location:** 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

**Hours:** Full-time, 40 hours/week

**Salary:** \$45,994 annually during training; \$61,530 annually upon successful completion of training.

**Eligibility Requirement:** Bachelor's degree

**Description of Duties:** Receives one (1) year on-the-job training related to the duties of an Agriculture Marketing and Inspection Representative 1 and assists in performing those duties which include the following:

- promoting and developing local, regional, national, and/or international markets for agricultural products
- conducting seminars and/or disseminating information to assist in development of agricultural businesses and products
- designing, developing, and maintaining promotional materials including but not limited to brochures, videos, web-sites, and/or social media pages
- developing and conducting presentations to public and private groups regarding agricultural products, programs, services, and issues
- speaking, presenting, and/or exhibiting at industry-related and consumer-oriented meetings and shows
- drafting informational articles and/or media releases
- developing graphical, written, and/or spoken advertising for various media types
- developing and conducting surveys and market search
  - compiling and analyzing information; developing, preparing, and presenting reports on that information
- performing related duties as required

**The preferred candidate will have demonstrated experience in the following:**

- Fluency in all Microsoft Office applications
- Training in marketing and communications
- Training and/or experience in using design software/applications
- Training and/or experience in agricultural production, systems, products, and markets
- Training and/or experience communicating technical information in oral, written, and interactive presentations
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record
- Ability to travel statewide
- Ability to work occasional evenings and/or weekends when required

**Note:** Filling this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

**Application Instructions:** Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter describing your interest and suitability for the position, resume, and Application for Employment (CT-HR-12) [http://das.ct.gov/HR/Forms/CT-HR-12\\_Application.pdf](http://das.ct.gov/HR/Forms/CT-HR-12_Application.pdf) via fax or email to:

**Deborah Hearl, Human Resources Specialist**  
**Dept. of Administrative Services/SmART**  
**Confidential Fax: (860) 622-2873 – OR –**  
**Email to [DAS.HR.SMART@ct.gov](mailto:DAS.HR.SMART@ct.gov)**

**Subject line MUST include: CCTAMIR, 82498 and your last name.**

Please note: due to the large volume of applications received, we are unable to field phone inquiries and confirm receipt of applications.

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